

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A security system comprising:

a server; and

a plurality of data processing devices units connected via a communication network to the server,

~~said server managing first identification information uniquely identifying each of said data processing devices and second identification information uniquely identifying each recording medium on which data to be processed in each of said data processing devices is recorded,~~

wherein said server includes:

~~means for, when one of said data processing devices is first connected to said server via said communication network, issuing said first identification information to said one of said data processing devices and having said first identification information stored in a nonvolatile memory of said one of said data processing devices, and requiring said second identification information for said each recording medium to be transferred to said server;~~

means for storing a record in which ~~associating said~~ first identification information stored in and inherent to ~~issued by said server to~~ each of said data processing devices units is associated with ~~[[said]]~~ second identification information inherent to each of recording mediums on which data to be processed by the data

processing units is recorded ~~each of recording mediums obtained from each of said data processing devices;~~

~~means for, when said one of said data processing devices is connected to said server via said communication network, requiring making a request to transfer, to said server, [[of]] said first identification information and said second identification information, when each for said one of said data processing devices units is connected to the server via the communication network as stored in the nonvolatile memory and said second identification information for said recording medium on which data to be processed in said one of said data processing device is recorded; and~~

~~means for determining judging which recording medium is used [[in]] by which of said data processing devices units, by referencing referring to said record of association with respect to check a relationship between said first identification information and said second identification information obtained by said server in response to the transfer request,[[.]]~~

~~wherein the first identification information is information issued by the server to each data processing unit when the data processing unit is connected to the server via the communication network.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The security system according to claim 1, wherein said server issues, as said first identification information inherent to each of said data processing devices units, by using a time of each of ~~when~~ said data processing devices ~~being~~ unit was first connected to said server via said communication network, or information ~~involving~~ using said time.

3. (Currently Amended) A recording medium management method ~~for, in which~~ a server ~~manages to manage~~ first identification information ~~uniquely identifying inherent~~ to each of a plurality of data processing devices units connected to said server via a communication network and second identification information ~~uniquely identifying inherent to each of~~ recording medium mediums on which data to be processed ~~in each of~~ by said data processing devices units is recorded, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a record in which the first identification information stored in and inherent to each of said data processing units is associated with the second identification information inherent to each of the recording mediums;

making a request to transfer, to said server, said first identification information and said second identification information, when each of said data processing units is connected to the server via the communication network; and

judging which recording medium is used by which of said data processing units, by referring to said record to check a relationship between said first identification information and said second identification information obtained by said server in response to the transfer request,

wherein the first identification information is information issued by the server to each data processing unit when the data processing unit is connected to the server via the communication network.

~~issuing said first identification information to said one of said data processing devices and having said first identification information stored in a nonvolatile memory of~~

~~said one of said data processing devices when said one of said data processing devices is first connected to said server via said communication network;~~

~~requiring said second identification information for said each recording medium to be transferred to said server;~~

~~generating a record associating said first identification information issued by said server to each of said data processing devices with said second identification information obtained from each of said data processing devices, and storing said record in memory means of said server;~~

~~requiring, when said one of said data processing devices is connected to said server via said communication network, transfer to said server of said first identification information for said one of said data processing devices as stored in the nonvolatile memory and said second identification information for said recording medium on which data to be processed in said one of said data processing devices is recorded; and~~

~~determining which recording medium is used in which of said data processing devices, by referencing said record of association with respect to said first identification information and said second identification information obtained by said server.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said server issues, as said first identification information inherent to each of said data processing devices units, by using a time of each of when said data processing devices being unit was first connected to said server via said communication network₁ or information involving using said time.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium with a program ~~stored therein~~ recorded thereon for causing a computer system to perform a method according to claim 3 or 4.

6-24. (Canceled)